operators have not migrated to Unified Access Service Licence Regime wherein roll out obligations are stipulated in terms and coverage of 50% of District Headquarters or any town in lieu of.

Security threat due to expansion of communication network

979. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI ABANI ROY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expanding communication networks with a range of handsets, ATMs, wireless sets and other electronic devices has made security a concern for everyone;

(b) whether the more wireless and other networks expand, the greater is the threat to humanize, according to security experts who have concluded a conference in New Delhi in August, 2003; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard so that threat to life on account of wireless handsets is minimal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Loss due to Internet

†980. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports captioned, "Internet se desh ko 2000 crore rupaye ka nuksan";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the internet services lack in the indicating words of 'Dot in' which is to be suffixed after the name of websites resulting in the loss to the tune of Rs. 2000 crore every year;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether any step has been taken to streamline and control the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. As per the world-wide Internet usage trend, web-site owners are free to choose domain name, with any of the category of generic or country suffix after the name of their website. Further, as per the trend globally, country specific domain names have been far more conservative in growth than generic suffix domain names like Dot com. Same is the situation in India in respect of Dot in suffix domain name. However, the available statistics do not indicate a loss of Rs. 2000 crore on this account.

(d) In order to popularise the use of Dot in domain suffix, Government has taken steps to invest in creating quality infrastructure to support the growth, in partnership with private organizations to form an active marketing channel to achieve higher Dot in suffix domain proliferation in India.

BSNL's promotional schemes for mobile subscribers

981. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has lately launched any new promotional schemes for its mobile subscribers to provide greater mobility and higher talk time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which other mobile phone operators and consumer public have reacted and responded to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.